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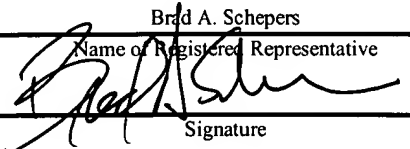
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In response to the final Office Action dated May 13, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The two-month early response period for responding to the final Office Action expired on July 13, 2008, which fell on a Sunday, thereby extending the two-month early response period to July 14, 2008 (the first business day after July 13, 2008). Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61-64, 66-68, 75 and 83-92 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action mailed on May 13, 2008. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds.